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SUBJ: OBIT: AMERICAN SEAMAN JOSEPH SAXON, MERCHANT MARINE REGISTRY

NO. 279438

TO: MRS. CHRISTINE SAXON

1946 NESHOTA

MOBILE, ALABAMA

TELEPHONE NUMBER UNAVAILABLE.

1. IT IS WITH PROFOUND REGRET THAT I MUST INFORM YOU OF THE DEATH OF YOUR HUSBAND, JOSEPH SAXON, OF THE AMERICAN VESSEL "TRANSEASTERN." THE SOVIET MARITIME ORGANIZATION INFLOT INFORMED THE AMERICAN EMBASSY NOVEMBER 26 OF HIS DEATH FROM CIRRHOSIS OF THE LIVER.

2. MR. SAXON HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED BY INFLOT, WHICH REPORTED THAT HIS MERCHANT MARINE REGISTRY NUMBER WAS 279438.

3. THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES REQUIRE THAT AN AUTOPSY BE PERFORMED IN SUCH CASES AND PREPARATION AND REPATRIATION TO THE US OF REMAINS IS NOT PERMITTED UNTIL THE AUTOPSY HAS BEEN PERFORMED.

4. WITH REGARD TO DISPOSITION OF YOUR HUSBAND'S REMAINS, THE EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT YOU CONTACT THE SHIPPING COMPANY WHICH OPERATES THE "TRANS EASTERN", HUDSON WATERWAYS CORPORATION, ONE CHASE MANHATTAN PLACE, NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10005. THE REMAINS MAY BE PREPARED AND REPATRIATED TO THE US, CREMATED AND SHIPPED TO THE US, OR BURIED LOCALLY. THE COMPANY WILL ASSIST YOU IN

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MAKING THESE ARRANGEMENTS.

5. AFTER YOU HAVE CONSULTED WITH THE SHIPPING COMPANY, PLEASE INFORM THE EMBASSY BY TELEGRAM, OF YOUR DECISION AND INCLUDE THE NAME OF YOUR LATE HUSBAND IN YOUR MESSAGE. PLEASE INCLUDE THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF US FUNERAL HOME YOU SELECT, IF SHIPMENT DESIRED.

6. IT IS THE EMBASSY'S EXPERIENCE THAT A PERIOD OF 10-14 DAYS IS USUALLY REQUIRED FOR SHIPMENT OF REMAINS TO THE US. UPON COMPLETION OF ALL FORMALITIES, A FOREIGN SERVICE REPORT OF DEATH PREPARED BY THE EMBASSY WILL BE FORWARDED TO YOU.

7. IF NECESSARY, YOU MAY CONTACT THE CONSULAR SECTION OF THE EMBASSY BY PHONING MOSCOW TELEPHONE 252-00-11.

8. PLEASE BE ASSURED OF MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY IN YOUR BEREAVEMENT.
AMERICAN EMBASSY
MOSCOW, USSR.
MATLOCK

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